## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A process of administering to a mammal in need of such administration, for the purpose of eradicating *H. pylori* bacteria in the stomach of the mammal, a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor drug.
- 2. A process in accordance with Claim 1wherein the mammal is a human being.
- 3. A process in accordance with Claim 2 where the drug is a sulfonamide.
- **4.** A process in accordance with Claim 3 where the drug is selected from the group consisting of acetazolamide, dorzolamide and brinzolamide.
- 5. A process in accordance with Claim 4 where the drug is acetazolamide.
- 6. A process in accordance with Claim 1 where the drug is administered in a daily dose that results in a  $4 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $4 \times 10^{-9}$  M concentration of the drug in the mammal's stomach.
- 7. A process in accordance with Claim 6 wherein the mammal is a human being.
- **8.** A process in accordance with claim 1 where a daily dose of 5 mg to 30 mg per kg body weight of the mammal is administered.
- 9. A process in accordance with Claim 8 wherein the mammal is a human being.
- 10. A process of administering to a human in need of such administration, for the purpose of eradicating *H. pylori* bacteria in the human's stomach a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor drug in a daily dose that results in a  $4 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $4 \times 10^{-9}$  M concentration of the drug in the human's stomach.
- 11. A process in accordance with Claim 10 where the drug is a sulfonamide.
- 12. A process in accordance with Claim 11 where the drug is selected from the group consisting of acetazolamide, , dorzolamide and brinzolamide.
- 13. A process in accordance with Claim 12 where the drug is

acetazolamide.

- 14. A process in accordance with claim 10 where a daily dose of 5 mg to 30 mg per kg body weight of the human is administered.
- **15.** A process in accordance with Claim 14 where the drug is a sulfonamide.
- **16.** A process in accordance with Claim 15 where the drug is selected from the group consisting of acetazolamide, dorzolamide and brinzolamide.
- 17. A process in accordance with Claim 16 where the drug is acetazolamide.
- 18. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor drug in a quantity that with administration of a daily dose results in a  $4 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $4 \times 10^{-9}$  M concentration of the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor drug in the stomach of a mammal, the composition being for the purpose of eradicating *H. pylori* bacteria in the stomach of the mammal.
- **19.** A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with Claim 18 where the drug is a sulfonamide.
- **20.** A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with Claim 19 where the drug is selected from the group consisting of acetazolamide, dorzolamide and brinzolamide.
- **21.** A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with Claim 20 where the drug is acetazolamide.